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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

The Honorable David A. Stockman
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Re: Department of Justice letter to you dated 2 July 1984
concerning the "drug tsar" bill

Since the captioned letter takes exception to our request for some changes in Senator Biden's "drug tsar" bill (S. 1787), there is value in restating points I believe need attention.

- CIA wholeheartedly supports a "drug tsar" bill that does not infringe on the DCI's authority. We are a proponent of better coordination within the Intelligence Community and within the government.
- But we remain concerned that portions of the existing bill leave unclear the DCI's authority to coordinate national intelligence as well as the Intelligence Community's budget and personnel decisions.
- The DCI is also responsible for national technical collection systems. These are proving increasingly useful in the narcotics field, and we want to make sure that the DCI retain his authority to decide how and when to use them.

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The Honorable David A. Stockman

Since the "drug tsar" bill does not appear to be moving forward in the Congress at this juncture, we propose to use the time to discuss with Justice the changes we consider important. Having dealt with Senator Biden extensively over the years on intelligence matters, including narcotics intelligence, I doubt he would find fault with changes intended to clarify the DCI's primacy in coordinating the activities of the Intelligence Community.

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon

NIC #04132-84

18 July 1984

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